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*The Airtimes is a quarterly newsletter for sharing updates with our partners, neighbors and stakeholders.*

*Our mission: To provide for the safe movement of people and goods, and the delivery of State services.*

## Frontier Alaska

### Connecting Alaska's Rural Communities

Frontier Alaska now makes up the largest air group in Alaska, able to connect passengers from the rural village of Tuntutuliak to Kodiak seamlessly. Frontier Flying Service, Hageland Aviation and now Era Aviation, have joined together to offer the traveling public a number of benefits, including seamless flight connections and better customer service. Chief Executive Officer Bob Hajdukovich commented, "the recent addition of Era Aviation strengthens our statewide operations and allows us to right-size the aircraft to our markets."

With over 150 years of combined flying experience in Alaska, the new air group is connecting more than 90 communities throughout the state of Alaska utilizing 66 aircraft.

With the addition of Era Aviation, Frontier Alaska will employ approximately 700 people, annually transport more than 600,000 passengers, haul 5 million pounds of freight, and deliver 24 million pounds of mail.

The history behind these carriers covers most corners of the state. Frontier Flying Service (based in Fairbanks) was established in 1950 catering to Alaska Bush communities as a scheduled mail carrier for Wien Air Alaska. John Hajdukovich acquired Frontier in 1974 and merged with Cape Smyth Air Service (based in Barrow) in 2005. Hageland Aviation Services was founded in 1981 in Mountain Village by Mike Hageland. Ron and James Tweto merged their company (based in Unalakleet) with Hageland in 1990 and then joined forces with Frontier Flying Service in 2008. Era Aviation (based in Anchorage) was established in 1948 when Carl Brady flew the first commercial helicopter to Alaska to work on a mapping contract for the U.S. government, and began scheduled passenger service in 1983 as a commuter carrier for partner Alaska Airlines.

In addition to seamless travel throughout the state, Frontier Alaska offers small package service, express cargo service, charter passenger service, and cargo service. Also, many flights qualify for the Alaska Airlines Mileage Plan.



# Meet The Lake Hood Seaplane Base

On the west side of Anchorage, about three miles from downtown, lies one of the city's most beautiful crown jewels. Lakes Hood and Spenard, joined by two 4,500-foot-long channels, combine to form what is collectively known as the Lake Hood Seaplane Base. At approximately 140 acres, with over 80,000 flights annually, it is easily the largest and busiest seaplane base in the world.

Well over 1,000 general aviation aircraft are based here, half of which are on floats during the summer months. So popular is the seaplane base that, at any given time, there are nearly 300 people on a "wait list" for a float slip, waiting an average of 8-10 years! The rest are wheeled planes that park in one of five lots and fly from the 2,200-foot-long gravel runway known as Lake Hood Strip. Manager Andy Hutzel and Leasing Officer Susan Watson oversee operations from their office on the west shore of Lake Hood.

The Lake Hood Seaplane Base is the gateway to Interior Alaska and the thousands of remote lakes, rivers and cabins our local residents, hunters and anglers enjoy. It is also a definite must-see sight for anyone visiting Anchorage.



Leasing Officer Susan Watson



Manager Andy Hutzel

## 180 Volunteers Needed for Aircraft Disaster Exercise

**Saturday, June 6, 2009, 8am-4pm**  
**Food and Refreshments Provided**

A simulated crash will take place at TSAIA to practice emergency response to a full-scale aircraft disaster.

180 volunteers are needed to "play victims".

More information at [anchorageairport.com](http://anchorageairport.com) or to volunteer email: Jesse Davis at [Jesse.Davis@alaska.gov](mailto:Jesse.Davis@alaska.gov)



### Hats Off!

Scott Lytle, Airport Environmental Manager, was recently commended for his service on the Air Quality Advisory Committee of AMATS. During Scott's term he volunteered his time, experience and knowledge to improve air quality in the Municipality of Anchorage.

## The Alaska State Aviation Trade Show & Conference

**May 2-3, 2009**

**FREE ADMISSION**

*Come join us at the FedEx Maintenance Hangar for the largest aviation trade show in Alaska.*

For more information contact the Alaska Airmen's Association at (907) 245-1251 or visit [www.alaskaairmen.org](http://www.alaskaairmen.org)





# Airport *Clean Up* Day

**May 1, 10am – 12pm**  
**Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport**  
**Contact: Tom Johnston, 266-2546**  
**Clean Up hotline: 266-2519**

Join the businesses and employees of Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport and pitch in to remove litter from the roadways and areas around our Airport and Lakes Hood and Spenard. A barbecue and lots of door prizes follow the clean up. Contact the Airport Environmental Section at 266-2519 to participate, or come to the Airfield Maintenance Building at 4100 Aircraft Drive between 10am - noon, Friday, May 4th.

## Anchorage Airport Police & Fire Officers Awarded

### *Life Saving Award*

Officer Greg Hendrix, Officer Kevin Mader, and Sergeant Harold Verheyen were awarded the Airport Police & Fire Department's Life Saving Award. On December 9, 2008, these officers responded to a medical assist at the Alaska Airlines baggage claim area. The three officers took immediate action in applying the AED and CPR to the person in need. "The prompt response and actions of these officers saved a life. It's an honor to be able to recognize their efforts and thank them for representing this department in an outstanding manner," said Airport Police & Fire Chief Lauri Burkmire. The man recovered and was released from hospital care two weeks later. A letter from the gentleman's wife was received which stated "there are not enough words available to me and to our family to adequately thank the compassionate bystanders and the well trained airport staff who returned life to my husband, who is also a father and grandfather".



## 2009 Alaska Transportation Careers and Airport Job Fair

The 2009 Alaska Transportation Careers and Airport Job Fair saw over 1,000 people pass through the North Terminal on March 14th. This community outreach program is sponsored by the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport and the SOA Department of Labor.



Carlos Nelson, is one of the owners of Pegasus Aircraft Maintenance, LLC, with a job fair attendee.

(left to right)  
 Robert Wilson (HR Specialist)  
 Letitia Wyche (Program Assistant)  
 Lisa Rivera (Transportation Security Officer)  
 Matthew Riddle (Transportation Security Officer)



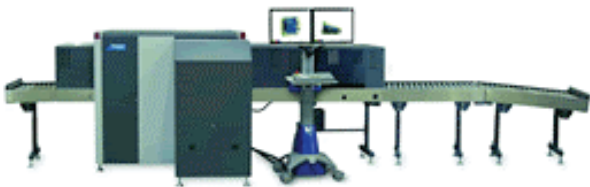
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## What's New:

TSA Improvements in Security and Customer Support

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) continues to identify and implement changes to enhance security and improve customer support. Two recent changes at the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport include the installation of Advanced Technology (AT) x-ray systems and the addition of special security screening lanes for those traveling with infants or medical liquids.



The AT x-ray system, used to conduct security screening of passengers carry-on luggage, enhances the ability to identify potential threat items, reduces the need for secondary baggage inspections and increases the speed of baggage

processing. These enhancements are possible through the employment of x-ray imaging that provides the Transportation Security Officer with multiple x-ray views of the carry-on items. For more information go to <http://www.tsa.gov/approach/tech/index.shtm>.

As part of a nationwide expansion, TSA Anchorage has recently added Family/Medical Liquids passenger screening lanes. These lanes allow families traveling with infants and small children or travelers with special needs to proceed through the security checkpoint at their own pace. Travelers carrying medically necessary liquids, aerosols and gels in excess of three ounces are also directed to these lanes. The Family/Medical Liquids lanes increase passenger convenience while enhancing security and are clearly identified by signage at each checkpoint.

### Family/Medical Liquids Lane



- small children; strollers
- groups; assistance needed
- new to flying
- traveling with more than 3 ounces of medically necessary liquid

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